

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 15th, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Morrison at 6:00 pm
2. Roll call: Joy Morrison, Jim Espinosa, Lyman Fuson, Sue Merritt, and Matt Pooch. Also in attendance: Jason Sergeant, Angie Olsen, Chad Renly.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Espinosa, seconded by Fuson; passed by voice vote.
4. Motion to waive the reading of the May 18th, 2021 minutes and approve them as printed made by Fuson, seconded by Espinosa, passed by voice vote.
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed: None
6. New business
 - A. Skate Park Discussion: Dr. Allison Becker and her family is representing a group interested in creating a new skate park. The current skate park has issues and the group wants to create a new park that would be safe, family friendly, and accessible to scooters and roller blading as well as skateboards. Alison Reyes and her family presented four slides of the to illustrate the need for the skate park. Leo Kaether sent a letter to the Mayor and Chairperson Morrison discussing the need for the park. Susan Becker representing her daughter said she would love to have a skate park in Evansville. Chairperson Morrison questioned if a skate park was in the Five Year Plan. Chad Renly had done some research and found that the Madison Skate Park cost \$980,000 due to the amount of the concrete work. Frye Becker asked that Renly research the park at Portage which is smaller and probably more fitting for Evansville. The current space is around 4000 sq. feet and a modern park should be a minimum of 6000 and ideally 8000 square feet. Renly wants to look at the current park and is willing to talk to members of the group so arranged to meet Friday June 25th at 4 o'clock.
7. Park's report: Mowing has slowed down to lack of rain. Other projects around the park are getting taken care of. The bathroom in the upper park is still closed due to water issues. A new two inch water pipe will be bored in the next few weeks to make it functional again.
 - A. Lake Leota Dam repair – (place holder): Renly met with the DNR and the

engineering company to discuss options for repair. The option that was agreed on was a concrete wall with a stone façade but others are not recommending the façade. The project will have to go to State Historical Society for review. The project is likely to get moved to next year which shouldn't impact the grant. In the current state, the dam is still stable so waiting until next year won't be issue.

- B. 2021 creek walls and 2nd duck house (place holder): On schedule to resume work in July.
- C. Dog Park update (place holder) Sager Fencing has the materials and is building the gates. Town and Country will be doing surveying in order to place the fence. Fencing should start going up in the next few weeks with a projected opening in mid-August.

8. Pool report

- A. Pool opening / condition discussion: The crew has ground the joints and filling with closed cell form and have started coating with liquid rubber and flex seal. The plan is to start filling the pool on Friday, June 18th. Olsen is hoping to have the pool open July 1 but may be dependent on Badger Pool's schedule. Swim team is using the pool in Janesville and there hadn't been a lot of interest but there are continuing efforts. Angie Olsen is looking at other potential ideas to help offset the loss of Swim Team and Group Lessons. She is also working on the pre-opening schedule while waiting for the results of the repair. No set timeline can be finalized until the pool has been filled and tested. Pooch asked about having a discount on season passes and hours. Sergeant and Olsen will make those decisions in order to get the pool open as quickly as possible. Angie proposed 11 to 3 and 5 to 8 for weekday hours. Consider keeping a lap lane available at all times unless it got very busy.

9. Old business

- A. Park & pool design update (place holder): Council approved the contract with MSA and there were a few changes to the contract afterwards but hoping to get the contract signed as quickly as possible and start the project.
- B. 2021 Baseball (place holder): Nothing to report. The season is underway.
- C. Adopt a Park Program (place holder)

10. Signage size & type: Renly wanted some input from the group on the format and the size of the sign. Pooch wanted a smaller sign posted at the either at the area that was adopted or at the entrance. Smaller signs are preferable due to the constraints of the Historical Commission with larger signs for those that adopt a whole park.

11. Other: None

12. Meeting reminder:

- A. Regular meeting on July 20th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. planning to be at City Hall.

13. Motion to adjourn: Made by Espinosa, second by Pooch at 7:32 pm.

